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- ☒ Signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$130.00 for missing parts surcharge
- ☒ Computer readable form of Sequence Listing. Applicants state that the paper copy form of the Sequence Listing section of the present application, and the computer readable form submitted herewith, are the same.
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Examiner's communication mailed August 15, 2001. In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application and in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 - § 1.825, Applicants enclose herewith a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing. In addition, a paper copy of the Sequence Listing is also provided. Please insert the paper copy into the file after the Executed Oath or Declaration, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(a)(15). Applicants hereby state that the computer readable form and the paper copy of the Sequence Listing enclosed do not include new matter. Applicants note that in SEQ ID NO: 13, a signal sequence is identified as one of the features of the human thrombopoietin amino acid sequence. The sequence of human thrombopoietin is a well known sequence and this feature is a feature of the sequence as published in WO 95/18858. Thus, Applicants submit that identification of this signal sequence does not represent new matter.

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, also enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application with the sequence listing rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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